

HOWARD COUNTY ALCOHOL & DRUG ABUSE ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
October 19, 2016
Howard County Health Department, 8930 Stanford Blvd, Columbia, 21045

ADAAB MEMBERS/DESIGNEES: Chinwe Adetula, Rick Bergin, Mark Donovan, Robert Erhardt, Kassy Hargadon-Zester, Jack Kavanagh, Bruce McDonald, Carol Robinson, Roe Rodgers-Bonaccorsy, Meghan Skaggs, Judge William Tucker, Jennifer Van Blarcom, Joan Webb Scornaienchi and Judge Ricardo Zwaig

HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFF: Seanté Hunt

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: Brandon Clark, Katie Turner

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS: The meeting was called to order at 5:17 P.M. by Chair Joan Webb Scornaienchi. She welcomed the board and guests and everyone introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The October 19, 2016, Agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The September 21, 2016, Minutes were approved.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Provided by Roe

It was announced that October 23-31 is Red Ribbon Week. Members were encouraged to take the pledge to be part of a drug-free America.

The Howard County Health Department will cease clinical services for ambulatory outpatient substance use disorder on 12/31/16. The Health Department continues encouraging private providers to open new clinics and/or expand existing clinics. New referral sources were shared with the members.

A 2% Medicaid rate increase for Behavioral Health Evaluation/Management codes was effective 10/1/16.

DHMH proposing regulations for the opioid treatment program reimbursement re-bundling initiative with an effective date of 3/1/17 for a bundled rate of \$81.60 for methadone and \$56 a week for buprenorphine including weekly counseling.

OVERDOSE RESPONSE PROGRAM (ORP) AND OPIOID MISUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM (OMPP)
UPDATE: Provided by Seanté

ORP Update:

For FY 17, July to present, 150 people have been trained in naloxone administration. This is almost the total number trained in FY2016. We are well ahead of our goal of 250.

The Health Department's attendance at the Howard County Public School's Back to School nights last month yielded 25 participants for Overdose response training. Attending the Student Assistance

Program (SAP) meeting yielded 5 more participants. Way Station has asked us to return for a 3rd training at their facility.

A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was signed with the police for peer recovery coaches to be called to the scene of an overdose if the individual and/or family members desire. This program has launched. The emergency cell phone is on and peers are on standby.

We are now able to dispense naloxone at the Health Department through a standing order and have approved dispensing approval through the Behavioral Health Administration. We will maintain our inventory using MDScripts. As peers are dispatched in the community, we will send them with the naloxone to train and dispense on the spot. All peers have been trained in the 10-minute brief overdose training. The Medical Reserve Corp (MRC) personnel will also be trained to do the same.

OMPP Update:

Opioid Summit took place on October 4th. This was a highly attended event.

Members were informed, of plans for an opioid prescriber best practices Continuing Medication Education (CME) event in the spring. It will take place on a Saturday morning or weekday evening with refreshments. Suggestions were made to have the training at a hotel or upscale restaurant.

Plans underway to set up a providers' meeting called "Hand in Hand Against Overdoses" to discuss ways to combat the epidemic in together in Howard County.

Plans are being discussed for a showing of "Chasing the Dragon, Life of an Opiate Addict." This is a 50-minute video created by the FBI and DEA. We are looking for a venue willing to host the showing. This is being planned for community education and awareness. There is a showing next week in Anne Arundel which will be attended to gain better insight in how to plan the event.

Plans are also being discussed for a showing of "Not My Child" video to schools. We are hoping to gain approval from the school system. There is a showing on November 3rd in Anne Arundel County which will be attended to gain better insight in how to plan the event.

Working on a contract with an advertising agency for marketing materials/campaign for opioid education and awareness and how community members can seek support/treatment.

HC DRUGFREE PREVENTION/EDUCATION/OPIOID UPDATE: Provided by Joan

In support of the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) national Medication Take Back Day, HC DrugFree will hold its next medication and sharps Take Back collection on Saturday, October 22 from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. in the Wilde Lake Village Center. This is a convenient drive-thru service. In April 2016, 721 pounds of medications were collected at HC DrugFree's site.

HC DrugFree has been running a medication Take Back commercial on local television stations. The ad was created by HC DrugFree's Teen Advisory Council.

The County Executive and Joan were featured in a video advertising Take Back.

Joan was the speaker prior to the Board of Education Candidates Forum earlier this week and she used the opportunity to educate about removing medications from homes.

HC DrugFree revisited pharmacies for the 4th time to restock educational materials and survey pharmacy staff as they continue to partner to better meet the needs of their clients.

As they have for many years, Mark Donovan and Joan updated the school system's Student Assistant Program (SAP) staff.

Joan reminded everyone that if they were looking for a pledge form for Red Ribbon Week or anytime, to feel free to use the sample forms created by Howard County teens that can be found on HC DrugFree's website.

Joan (also in her 4th year as vice chair of the School Health Council) was one of the adult panelists at the School Health Council and Health Department's Mental Health Symposium in September.

As a past volunteer at several collections, Rick Bergin encouraged members to volunteer at HC DrugFree's medication and sharps collection on Saturday, October 22.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Katie Turner the Court Diversion Coordinator attended the meeting to address any concerns about the Diversion Program and early intervention/education. The Diversion Program is for Howard County teens that are charged for the first time and/or receives an alcohol, marijuana, or misrepresentation of age citation. Katie meets with teens and their families to discuss the incident and come up with an action plan that they have 30 days to complete. Possible Diversion activities include community service, written reports, tours of Shock Trauma, alcohol, and drug assessments, mediation and conflict resolution and an online shoplifting prevention program. If there are any questions/concerns in the future, the board is welcome to call or e-mail Katie.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mark informed the members of an inpatient detoxification program opening soon in Anne Arundel County named Maryland House Detox.

It was mentioned that reaching out to the Board of Realtors may be helpful in combating opioid addiction regarding the fact that it has been reported that people and specifically teens have been known to attend open house events to steal prescription opioids from medication cabinets. Joan stated that she has been working with some realtors for the past several years.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Meeting is November 16th at 5:15 P.M. at the Howard County Health Department

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 P.M.